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14 v.
15 SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT, et al.,
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Defendants,
17 and
18 STATE OF CALIFORNIA and
CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES
BOARD,
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State Intervenor-Applicants.

Case No. 2:21-cv-6341-JAK-MRW

**MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF
STATE INTERVENOR-
APPLICANTS' UNOPPOSED
MOTION TO INTERVENE AS
DEFENDANTS**

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INTRODUCTION

The State of California, by and through the California Department of Justice and the California Air Resources Board (CARB) (collectively “State Intervenor-Applicants”), seek to intervene in this action because they both have significant protectable interests in defending South Coast Air Quality Management District (the “District”) Rules 2305 and 316 (collectively “Warehouse Indirect Source Rule”). The Warehouse Indirect Source Rule will deliver emissions reductions necessary to help meet state and federal air quality standards that, once achieved, will result in hundreds of millions to billions of dollars in public health benefits. The California Trucking Association’s (CTA) challenge to the Warehouse Indirect Source Rule threatens these critical emissions reductions. The CTA also urges this Court to adopt improper interpretations of state and federal law that, if adopted, could inappropriately circumscribe state regulatory authority.

State Intervenor-Applicants satisfy each of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 24(a)’s requirements and are therefore entitled to intervene as of right as defendants in this action. First, State Intervenor-Applicants’ Motion to Intervene is timely and will not unduly delay or prejudice the rights of any other party. Second, State Intervenor-Applicants have significant interests in (1) upholding their unique obligations to protect the environment, public health, and welfare in California; (2) improving air quality in the South Coast Air Basin to meet state and federal air quality standards; and (3) preserving appropriate interpretations of the state constitution, state statutes, and federal preemption of state authority in their unique roles as California’s Chief Law Enforcement Officer and statewide regulator of California’s air quality. Third, given that CTA seeks to set aside the Warehouse

1 Indirect Source Rule, State Intervenor-Applicants’ interests may be impaired
2 because of this litigation. Finally, State Intervenor-Applicants’ interests are not
3 adequately represented by the existing defendants because State Intervenor-
4 Applicants are best positioned to respond to the complaint’s misrepresentations of
5 State Intervenor-Applicants’ views, and State Intervenor-Applicants have a broader
6 focus and mission than the District. Thus, intervention as of right is warranted.
7 Alternatively, State Intervenor-Applicants request that the Court grant permissive
8 intervention.

9 **FACTUAL AND PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND**

10 On May 7, 2021, the District passed the Warehouse Indirect Source Rule.
11 The Rule regulates facilities based on emissions from trucks that visit those
12 warehouses by requiring warehouse operators to earn points from an à la carte
13 menu of emissions-reducing activities to comply with the Rule. The wide variety
14 of options include constructing solar panels, building electric vehicle or hydrogen
15 fueling stations, installing air filtration systems at nearby residences, and
16 purchasing or contracting for visits by natural gas or zero-emission trucks.
17 Warehouse operators may also choose to cover point deficits by paying a fee in lieu
18 of taking actions to earn those points. Warehouse operators additionally may craft
19 their own custom emissions-reduction plans.

20 As State Intervenor-Applicants explained at length in their comment letter to
21 the District on the Warehouse Indirect Source Rule’s legality,¹ the Rule is a proper
22 exercise of the District’s legal authority to reduce emissions associated with indirect

23 ¹ See Declaration of Robert Swanson in Support of State Intervenor-Applicants’
24 Unopposed Motion to Intervene as Respondents (“Swanson Decl.”) ¶ 3, Ex. A.

1 sources.² Indeed, the Rule was passed to help California meet its obligations under
2 the federal Clean Air Act and to advance the protection of human health and
3 welfare.

4 Under the Clean Air Act, the United States Environmental Protection Agency
5 (“EPA”) sets national ambient air quality standards for certain air pollutants,
6 including ozone and fine particulate matter. 42 U.S.C. § 7409; *see also* 40 C.F.R.
7 Part 50. EPA then evaluates regions on their attainment of the standards. Regions
8 that are in nonattainment must bring their air quality into attainment by certain
9 deadlines. 42 U.S.C. § 7511. The Clean Air Act obligates such states to submit
10 State Implementation Plans identifying how they will achieve and/or maintain the
11 standards. *Id.* § 7410(a). EPA reviews each State Implementation Plan for
12 compliance with the Clean Air Act. *Id.* § 7410(k)(3). Once EPA approves a State
13 Implementation Plan, it becomes federal law and cannot be changed without EPA’s
14 approval. *Safe Air for Everyone v. U.S. E.P.A.*, 488 F.3d 1088, 1097 (9th Cir.
15 2007).

16 California law requires the District to draft air quality management plans
17 periodically for reducing emissions and achieving attainment status. Cal. Health &

18 ² An “indirect emissions source” is a facility that attracts mobile sources of
19 pollution. For example, a warehouse is a facility that attracts diesel trucks, which
20 are mobile sources. An indirect source rule is distinct from a stationary source rule
21 in that it does not regulate facilities based on emissions that the facilities
22 themselves emit. It is also distinct from a mobile source rule in that it reduces
23 emissions from mobile sources only by virtue of their association with a stationary
24 source. *See Nat’l Ass’n of Home Builders v. San Joaquin Valley Unified Air
Pollution Control Dist.*, 627 F.3d 730, 739 (9th Cir. 2010) (“The [Clean Air] Act,
by allowing states to regulate indirect sources of pollution, necessarily contemplates
imputing mobile sources of pollution to an indirect source as a whole.” Otherwise,
“states could not adopt any indirect source review program.”).

1 Safety Code §§ 40460, 40462. The District’s 2016 air quality management plan
2 includes a commitment to adopt a facility-based measure to reduce indirect source
3 emissions from warehouses, which the District Board later voted to implement via
4 regulation. Swanson Decl. ¶ 4, Ex. B at 4-28 to -29; ¶ 5, Ex. C at 9. CARB
5 subsequently reviewed the District’s plan and included it in CARB’s State
6 Implementation Plan submission to EPA. *Id.* ¶ 6, Ex. D. EPA approved the State
7 Implementation Plan, including the warehouse indirect source measure, giving it
8 the force of federal law. 84 Fed. Reg. 52005 (Oct. 1, 2019).

9 The District fulfilled its legal obligation to adopt an indirect source
10 regulation to reduce emissions associated with warehouses when it passed the
11 Warehouse Indirect Source Rule. CARB then reviewed the Rule and included it in
12 a State Implementation Plan submission to EPA on August 13, 2021, which is
13 currently under evaluation. Swanson Decl. ¶ 7, Ex. E. As part of State
14 Implementation Plan submittals, a state must provide “necessary assurances that the
15 State ... will have adequate personnel, funding, and authority” for the measures in
16 the plan and is “not prohibited by any provision of Federal or State law from
17 carrying out such implementation plan or portion thereof.” 42 U.S.C.
18 § 7410(a)(2)(E). EPA must then review these submittals and determine whether
19 they “meet[] all of the applicable requirements.” *Id.* § 7410(k)(3).

20 CTA filed its complaint on August 5, 2021. ECF No. 1. Among other
21 things, CTA seeks to permanently enjoin enforcement of the Warehouse Indirect
22 Source Rule. *Id.* CTA served defendants on August 17, and they are set to respond
23 on October 7. ECF Nos. 10, 11; *see also* ECF No. 12 (stipulation to extend time for
24 the defendants to respond to October 7, 2021). The Court has not yet set an initial

1 case management conference or schedule.

2 **ARGUMENT**

3 **I. STATE INTERVENOR-APPLICANTS ARE ENTITLED TO INTERVENE AS OF**
4 **RIGHT.**

5 State Intervenor-Applicants satisfy the test for intervention as of right. Under
6 Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 24(a), a movant seeking to intervene as of right
7 must show that (1) the motion is timely, (2) the movant “claims an interest relating
8 to the property or transaction that is the subject of the action,” (3) “disposing of the
9 action may as a practical matter impair or impede the movant’s ability to protect its
10 interest,” and (4) existing parties to the action do not adequately represent that
11 interest. Fed. R. Civ. P. 24(a)(2); see *Citizens for Balanced Use v. Mont.*

12 *Wilderness Ass’n*, 647 F.3d 893, 897 (9th Cir. 2011) (citing *Prete v. Bradbury*, 438
13 F.3d 949, 954 (9th Cir. 2006) (internal quotation marks and citation omitted)).

14 Courts “construe Rule 24(a) liberally in favor of potential intervenors.”
15 *California ex rel. Lockyer v. United States*, 450 F.3d 436, 440 (9th Cir. 2006). “A
16 liberal policy in favor of intervention serves both efficient resolution of issues and
17 broadened access to the courts.” *United States v. City of Los Angeles*, 288 F.3d
18 391, 397-98 (9th Cir. 2002). Broadly interpreting Rule 24(a) “prevent[s] or
19 simplif[ies] future litigation involving related issues” and “allow[s] an additional
20 interested party to express its views before the court.” *Id.* at 398. As discussed
21 below, State Intervenor-Applicants meet the standard for intervention as of right.

22 **A. The Motion to Intervene is Timely.**

23 “To determine whether a motion to intervene is timely, [courts] consider ‘(1)
24 the stage of the proceeding at which an applicant seeks to intervene; (2) the

1 prejudice to other parties; and (3) the reason for and length of the delay.’ ” *Peruta*
2 *v. Cty. of San Diego*, 824 F.3d 919, 940 (9th Cir. 2016) (quoting *United States v.*
3 *Alisal Water Corp.*, 370 F.3d 915, 921 (9th Cir. 2004)).

4 Applying these principles here, State Intervenor-Applicants’ motion to
5 intervene is timely because the proceedings are at a very early stage, intervention
6 now would not cause prejudice to the original parties, and State Intervenor-
7 Applicants have not delayed in moving to intervene. CTA filed its complaint on
8 August 5, 2021, about two months ago. ECF No. 1. Defendants filed an answer on
9 October 7, 2021, and the Court set an initial joint case management statement to be
10 due December 27, 2021. ECF Nos. 15, 16. The Court has not set a schedule. State
11 Intervenor-Applicants have submitted a proposed answer along with their motion,
12 so intervention would not delay the case or otherwise prejudice the parties. *See,*
13 *e.g., Citizens for Balanced Use*, 647 F.3d at 897 (9th Cir. 2011) (intervention timely
14 when filed three months after complaint, and two weeks after answer); *LMNO*
15 *Cable Grp., Inc. v. Discovery Commc'ns, LLC*, No. LA CV-16-045430-JAK-SKX,
16 2017 WL 8943167, at *3 (C.D. Cal. June 19, 2017) (intervention timely when filed
17 five months after intervenor-applicants became aware of case). State Intervenor-
18 Applicants also have not delayed in filing this motion. Since CTA filed the
19 complaint, State Intervenor-Applicants have diligently evaluated the issues
20 presented by the complaint and determined that intervention is necessary to protect
21 their unique interests.

22 **B. State Intervenor-Applicants Have a Significant Interest in the**
23 **Subject Matter of this Litigation.**

24 To intervene as of right under Rule 24(a), the movant must demonstrate “an

1 interest relating to the property or transaction that is the subject of the action.” Fed.
2 R. Civ. P. 24(a). “To demonstrate a significant protectable interest, an applicant
3 must establish that the interest is protectable under some law and that there is a
4 relationship between the legally protected interest and the claims at issue.” *Citizens*
5 *for Balanced Use*, 647 F.3d at 897. The interest test “is a practical, threshold
6 inquiry, and no specific legal or equitable interest need be established.” *Id.*
7 (internal quotations and alterations omitted). Moreover, it “is primarily a practical
8 guide to disposing of lawsuits by involving as many apparently concerned persons
9 as is compatible with efficiency and due process.” *Los Angeles*, 288 F.3d at 398.

10 State Intervenor-Applicants’ interests in the pending litigation supports
11 intervention as of right. Intervention is necessary to defend State Intervenor-
12 Applicants’ interests in (1) protecting the environment, public health, and welfare;
13 (2) reducing harmful emissions to meet state and federal air quality standards; and
14 (3) preserving appropriate interpretations of the state constitution, state statutes, and
15 federal preemption of state authority in their unique roles as California’s Chief Law
16 Enforcement Officer and statewide regulator of California’s air quality.

17 State Intervenor-Applicants have a significant interest in protecting
18 California’s environment, public health, and welfare. The California Legislature
19 has declared that “the people of the State of California have a primary interest in the
20 quality of the physical environment in which they live, and that this physical
21 environment is being degraded by the waste and refuse of civilization polluting the
22 atmosphere, thereby creating a situation which is detrimental to the health, safety,
23 welfare, and sense of well-being of the people of California.” Cal. Health & Safety
24 Code § 39000. The State’s policy is “to prevent destruction, pollution, or

1 irreparable impairment of the environment and the natural resources of this state.”
2 Accordingly, California law grants the Attorney General authority to intervene in
3 judicial matters to protect the public from environmental harms. Cal. Gov. Code
4 §§ 12600, 12606. The California Attorney General thus holds a special duty to
5 safeguard the environment, public health, and welfare.

6 Likewise, CARB’s mission is “to promote and protect public health, welfare,
7 and ecological resources through effective reduction of air pollutants while
8 recognizing and considering effects on the economy.” Swanson Decl. ¶ 10, Ex. H;
9 *see id.* ¶ 11, Ex. I. To further this mission, CARB must “coordinate, encourage,
10 and review the efforts of all levels of government as they affect air quality.” Cal.
11 Health & Safety Code § 39500. CTA’s complaint references CARB 28 times,
12 reflecting CARB’s central role—and significant interest—in the matters raised by
13 this suit. *See* ECF No. 1. These interests easily clear Rule 24(a)’s low bar for
14 intervention. *See Citizens for Balanced Use*, 647 F.3d at 897 (interest in enjoyment
15 of wildlands found to be a sufficient legally protectable interest).

16 State Intervenor-Applicants also have a longstanding and significant interest
17 in reducing emissions to meet air quality standards. California established the first
18 statewide air quality standards in 1959, and CARB was created in 1967 as a
19 principal public agency “responsible for the establishment of ambient air quality
20 and emission standards and air pollution control programs.” Cal. Pub. Res. Code
21 § 30414; *see also* Cal. Health & Safety Code § 39003 (designating CARB as “the
22 state agency charged with coordinating efforts to attain and maintain ambient air
23 quality standards”). Three years later, in 1970, the federal Clean Air Act was
24 amended to require promulgation of federal air quality standards for certain

1 pollutants. *See Gen. Motors Corp. v. United States*, 496 U.S. 530, 532-33 (1990).
2 As described in the Background section above, state and federal law obligate State
3 Intervenor-Applicants to reduce emissions to meet state and federal air quality
4 standards. *See* 42 U.S.C. § 7410(a).

5 CTA's complaint recognizes CARB's special role to prepare the State
6 Implementation Plan required by the federal Clean Air Act and to coordinate air
7 district activity needed to comply with the Clean Air Act. ECF No. 1 ¶ 28. The
8 Warehouse Indirect Source Rule supports State Intervenor-Applicants' programs to
9 improve air quality by reducing emissions. In reliance on the Warehouse Indirect
10 Source Rule's emissions reductions, State Intervenor-Applicants incorporated the
11 Rule into California's State Implementation Plan for achieving federal air quality
12 standards. Swanson Decl. ¶ 7, Ex. E. When State Intervenor-Applicants submitted
13 the State Implementation Plan to EPA, they certified that the Warehouse Indirect
14 Source Rule is consistent with federal and state law. *Id.*; *see* 42 U.S.C.
15 § 7410(a)(2)(E). Accordingly, the complaint effectively attacks State Intervenor-
16 Applicants' assurances to EPA. State Intervenor-Applicants therefore have a
17 significant interest in defending the legality of the Warehouse Indirect Source Rule.

18 Finally, State Intervenor-Applicants have a significant protectable interest in
19 preserving appropriate interpretations of the state constitution, state statutes, and
20 federal preemption of state authority. As Chief Law Enforcement Officer for the
21 State of California, the California Attorney General occupies a primary position in
22 interpretation of state laws and authority. Cal. Const., art. V, § 13; Cal. Gov. Code,
23 § 12511. The Attorney General regularly issues legal opinions clarifying laws for
24 public officials, Cal. Gov. Code § 12519, and defends state legal authority in state

1 and federal courts, Cal. Gov. Code § 12511.

2 CARB is responsible for reducing air pollution in California, working
3 alongside the District at times and independently at others. Cal. Health & Safety
4 Code §§ 39602, 39500; Swanson Decl. ¶ 11, Ex. I. CARB submits and updates
5 California’s state implementation plan under the federal Clean Air Act, and bears
6 responsibility for attainment or non-attainment of district air basins under the state
7 Clean Air Act. Cal. Health & Safety Code §§ 39602, 39602.5, 39608, *see also id.*
8 § 39604 (requiring CARB to post periodic summaries of the status of the state
9 implementation plan). CARB is also responsible for ensuring that California’s
10 regulation of toxic air contaminants meets the requirements of section 112 of the
11 federal Clean Air Act. *Id.* §§ 39656, 39657, 39659. Therefore, while State
12 Intervenor-Applicants have an interest in preserving state regulatory authority in
13 any area where federal laws have some preemptive reach, their interest is
14 particularly strong in matters involving efforts to reduce emissions of air pollutants.
15 Accordingly, State Intervenor-Applicants have multiple, strong interests in this
16 litigation that satisfy Rule 24(a).

17 **C. State Intervenor-Applicants’ Interests May Be Impaired as a**
18 **Result of this Litigation.**

19 Rule 24(a) also requires State Intervenor-Applicants to show that the
20 litigation “may, as a practical matter, impair or impede [their] interest.” Fed. R.
21 Civ. P. 24(a)(2). “If an absentee would be substantially affected in a practical sense
22 by the determination made in an action, he should, as a general rule, be entitled to
23 intervene.” *Citizens for Balanced Use*, 647 F.3d at 898 (citing Fed. R. Civ. P. 24
24 Advisory Committee’s Note; *Sw. Ctr. for Biological Diversity v. Berg*, 268 F.3d

1 810, 822 (9th Cir. 2001)). After finding that an intervenor-applicant has a
2 significant protectable interest, the Ninth Circuit often has “little difficulty
3 concluding that the disposition of the case may, as a practical matter, affect it.” *Id.*
4 (quoting *Lockyer*, 450 F.3d at 442).

5 Each of State Intervenor-Applicants’ interests may be impaired as a result of
6 this litigation. The South Coast Air Basin is in “extreme” nonattainment for several
7 ozone standards and “serious” nonattainment for multiple fine particulate matter
8 standards.³ Swanson Decl. ¶ 8, Ex. F (extreme nonattainment for 2008 and 2015 8-
9 hour ozone standards, serious nonattainment for the 2006 and 2012 fine particulate
10 matter standards, and moderate nonattainment for the 1997 fine particulate matter
11 standard). Moreover, emissions associated with warehouses also tend to be
12 concentrated in lower-income communities and communities of color that already
13 suffer from disproportionate pollution exposure and the resulting public health
14 harms. *Id.* ¶ 8, Ex. G at 4-6. The District conservatively estimated that the
15 Warehouse Indirect Source Rule would produce public health benefits exceeding its
16 costs by hundreds of millions to billions of dollars. *Id.* at 50-51, Table 42. As this
17 litigation seeks to permanently enjoin enforcement of the Warehouse Indirect
18 Source Rule, it imperils the Rule’s massive public health benefits in the South
19 Coast Air Basin, and particularly in the most disadvantaged communities. The
20 litigation thus threatens State Intervenor-Applicants’ interests in protecting public
21 health, welfare, and the environment.

22 ³ For those areas designated as being in nonattainment with national ambient air
23 quality standards, EPA further classifies each region based on the severity of the
24 nonattainment: marginal, moderate, serious, severe, or extreme. 42 U.S.C.
§ 7511(a)(1).

1 An unfavorable disposition here may also, as a practical matter, impair State
2 Intervenor-Applicants' ability to meet air quality standards. The Warehouse
3 Indirect Source Rule already is a component of California's submitted State
4 Implementation Plan. If CTA were to prevail, the Warehouse Indirect Source
5 Rule's emissions reductions would be lost, so State Intervenor-Applicants would
6 need to identify other, potentially more costly or less efficient measures to meet
7 state and federal air quality standards. Moreover, CTA's complaint
8 mischaracterizes the Warehouse Indirect Source Rule as being a consequence of
9 District "dissatisfaction with the perceived slow pace of CARB's rulemaking."
10 ECF No. 1 ¶ 41. State Intervenor-Applicants' interests would be impaired if they
11 were unable to intervene to correct the record on the complementary roles CARB
12 and the District play in regulating air pollution.

13 Finally, this lawsuit threatens to impair State Intervenor-Applicants'
14 significant interest in preserving appropriate interpretations of the state constitution,
15 state statutes, and federal preemption of state authority. CTA's complaint is
16 premised on numerous legal errors that, if adopted, would improperly circumscribe
17 state regulatory authority, upset California laws' careful division of CARB and air
18 district authority, and upend state regulatory schemes under the California
19 Constitution. The complaint also misconstrues a 1993 Attorney General opinion
20 letter and quotes it out of context. *Id.* ¶ 35. State Intervenor-Applicants' interests
21 would therefore be harmed if they were not allowed to intervene to correct the
22 complaint's erroneous legal assertions.

23 Accordingly, this litigation threatens to impair State Intervenor-Applicants'
24 multiple interests in this case, satisfying the third prong of Rule 24(a).

1 **D. State Intervenor-Applicants’ Interests Are Not Adequately**
2 **Represented.**

3 The fourth and final element to justify intervention as of right is inadequate
4 representation of State Intervenor-Applicants’ interests by existing parties to the
5 litigation. Fed. R. Civ. P. 24(a)(2). The Ninth Circuit considers three factors to
6 determine adequacy of representation: “(1) whether the interest of a present party is
7 such that it will undoubtedly make all of a proposed intervenor’s arguments; (2)
8 whether the present party is capable and willing to make such arguments; and (3)
9 whether a proposed intervenor would offer any necessary elements to the
10 proceeding that other parties would neglect.” *Citizens for Balanced Use*, 647 F.3d
11 at 898. “The burden of showing inadequacy of representation is minimal and
12 satisfied if the applicant can demonstrate that representation of its interests may be
13 inadequate.” *Id.*

14 The existing parties to this litigation cannot adequately represent State
15 Intervenor-Applicants’ interests. Neither the District nor other parties can attend to
16 California’s legal interests. Cal. Gov. Code § 12511 (“The Attorney General has
17 charge, as attorney, of all legal matters in which the State is interested, except
18 [exceptions not applicable here].”) As Chief Law Enforcement Officer, the
19 Attorney General speaks with unique authority to issues involving interpretation of
20 state law. Cal. Const., art. V, § 13.

21 Furthermore, State Intervenor-Applicants’ interests are not identical to the
22 District’s such that the District will “undoubtedly” make all of State Intervenor-
23 Applicants’ arguments. *Citizens for Balanced Use*, 647 F.3d at 898. State
24 Intervenor-Applicants would add a broader perspective to the proceeding that the

1 District cannot. As discussed above, CTA’s complaint misconstrues the Warehouse
2 Indirect Source Rule’s relationship to CARB regulations and an Attorney General
3 opinion letter. *See supra* Section I.C. CARB and the Attorney General are best
4 positioned to correct the record on those issues. Moreover, given their statewide
5 jurisdictions and interests, State Intervenor-Applicants’ arguments will consider
6 broader issues of how the Court’s interpretation of state and federal law in this case
7 will impact the State, including the State’s ability to reduce emissions in
8 compliance with federal law. For example, State Intervenor-Applicants may have a
9 different perspective than the District on the breadth of federal preemption or the
10 division between CARB and air district authority under California law.

11 **II. ALTERNATIVELY, THIS COURT SHOULD GRANT STATE INTERVENOR-
12 APPLICANTS PERMISSIVE INTERVENTION.**

13 In the alternative, this Court should grant State Intervenor-Applicants
14 permissive intervention under Rule 24(b). District courts have discretion to grant
15 permissive intervention where the applicant shows “(1) independent grounds for
16 jurisdiction; (2) the motion is timely; and (3) the applicant’s claim or defense, and
17 the main action, have a question of law or a question of fact in common.” *Los*
18 *Angeles*, 288 F.3d at 403. “In exercising its discretion, the court must consider
19 whether the intervention will unduly delay or prejudice the adjudication of the
20 original parties’ rights.” Fed. R. Civ. P. 24(b)(3).

21 As discussed in Part I.A, *supra*, this motion is timely filed. Because the
22 litigation is in its very early stages, and State Intervenor-Applicants agree to adhere
23 to all litigation deadlines that have been set thus far, intervention would not “unduly
24 delay or prejudice the adjudication of the original parties’ rights.” Fed. R. Civ. P.

1 24(b)(3). Further, State Intervenor-Applicants’ defenses overlap with the main
2 action in that they all assert that CTA’s legal theories misinterpret the law. This
3 Court has jurisdiction over this controversy for the same reason it has jurisdiction
4 over the claims in CTA’s complaint. ECF No. 1 ¶¶ 17–20. Therefore, State
5 Intervenor-Applicants also satisfy the requirements for permissive intervention
6 under Rule 24(b).

7 **CONCLUSION**

8 For the reasons discussed above, State Intervenor-Applicants respectfully
9 request that the Court grant their intervention as of right pursuant to Rule 24(a). In
10 the alternative, this Court should grant State Intervenor-Applicants permissive
11 intervention under Rule 24(b).

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